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WAXMAN URGES MUBARAK TO CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITIC TELEVISION SERIES

WASHINGTON, DC – Representatives Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) was joined today by 45 Members of Congress in a letter urging Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to take immediate action against the upcoming broadcast of a television series based on the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the infamous anti-Semitic conspiracy theory fabricated in Czarist Russia to scapegoat and foment violence against Jews.

Representative Waxman said, "It is deplorable that the Egyptian government would sanction the broadcast of a show created to indoctrinate the Arab world with the same lies that launched pogroms in Russia and served as Hitler's justification for the Holocaust."

The 41-episode series "Horseman Without a Horse," which is scheduled to air during the holy month of Ramadan, features an Arab journalist trying to figure out and prove whether the protocols are true. The show was produced by an independent media channel, but approved for release by Egyptian broadcasting authorities required to examine all scripts for "anti-religious" material.

"The indifference of Arab governments to anti-Zionism, anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial in the media is polarizing the Middle East and fueling instability and tension in the region." Rep. Waxman said. "We are calling on President Mubarak to immediately put a stop to this hateful show."

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